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SUBJECT: GROUP OF 12 HAITIAN ASYLUM SEEKERS

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1. I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BRUTUS CONCERNING REPATRIATION OF THE 12 HAITIANS. HE HAD BEEN FURNISHED THE LIST OF NAMES PRIOR TO OUR MEETING. BRUTUS ASSURED ME GOH WOULD TAKE SAME COURSE OF ACTION AS WITH THE LAST GROUP OF 97 REFUGEES WHO CAME BACK FROM GUANTANAMO LAST YEAR. GOH WILL RECEIVE THE GROUP OF 12 AND THEY WILL SUFFER NO RETALIATION. BRUTUS SAID THAT HE WOULD WANT TO KNOW THE EXACT DATE OF THEIR ARRIVAL SO THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOH COULD BE PRESENT AT THE AIRPORT. BRUTUS SAID THEY PLANNED TO GIVE EACH ONE A SMALL SUM OF MONEY TO ASSIST THEM TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES.

2. BRUTUS STATED HE WOULD ASK REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RED CROSS ALSO TO BE PRESENT AT THE AIRPORT AND HE WOULD LIKE FOR OUR EMBASSY TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE. BRUTUS THEN SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THE POWER OF US INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES AND HE KNEW THAT IF THE 12 WERE MISTREATED WE WOULD SOON KNOW OF IT. HE SAID GOH CONTINUES TO ENCOURAGE HAITIANS TO RETURN.

3. WE THEN WENT OVER THE NAMES ON THE LIST AND BRUTUS SAID HE DID NOT KNOW ANY OF THEM PERSONALLY, BUT THAT HE COULD TELL FROM THE NAMES THAT THEY WERE ALL PEASANTS WHO WOULD NOT ORDINARILY BE
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